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Subject: FW: R10 DRAFT Puget Sound briefing paper for House Ag Hearing

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Thank you Joel.

We will revise based on this input – on the first point we did have our Deputy Regional Council involved and I will connect with her to see if there was OGC engagement thru her.

Greg if you have additional suggestions let us know.

Thank you,

Peter

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Hi, Peter – Adding Greg for his awareness as he's handling OW's TPs for the hearing. This generally seems fine to me. A couple quick observations:

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Joel,

I hope you are doing well in your new role. I am sure extremely busy.

I miss the MVD work but am enjoying my new role as the Puget Sound Program Manager. I am emailing because of an upcoming House Ag Hearing that Administrator McCarthy is participating in on 1/26 that we were asked to provide some background for. We are finalizing the briefing doc (attached) but were not sure how much to provide. We have erred on the side of more since we did not want her surprised on anything with two Committee members from the WA delegation with districts in the Puget Sound - Dan Newhouse (majority) and Susan DelBene (minority).

I was hoping to have a quick look by you/chat if possible to see if we are on target and also to make sure you are aware of these issues too.

I realize this is out of normal line of review but in talking with Dan Opalski he agreed it would be helpful to get your input early.

Thank you and Happy New Year,

Peter



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Subject: Revised briefing paper for House Ag Hearing - review by COB 1/5/16

Hello all,

Thank you to Gina, Cindy, Michael, and Bill for extremely helpful initial input. I've incorporated many of your comments and am attaching the revised document here. **Please send me any additional comments by COB 1/5/16.** Cindy will start it through an internal review process on 1/6.

Dan – Cindy Schuster needs to know if you are okay with this before she forwards this to HQ. If you could also take a look at this and provide any comments by COB 1/5/16 as well, that would be great.

Lisa

From: Chang, Lisa
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Subject: RE: House Ag Hearing - Request for Briefing Papers

Hi all,

Here is a ROUGH CUT at a briefing paper for the Administrator. Definitely needs lots of scrubbing. **Please send comments to me by COB 1/5/16.**

As instructed, I tried to roll three issues into this one paper – riparian initiative; shellfish protection; and whatsupstream.com. The briefing, per Cindy's instructions, has 3 sections: key messages, background, and possible Q&As.

See what you think! Many thanks to Bill and Garth for providing content, and Cindy for providing direction.

Lisa

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Agreed on next steps. Thanks all.

Peter

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On Dec 23, 2015, at 12:28 PM, Zachmann, Bill <Zachmann.Bill@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi all (and thanks Garth, so glad you are ‘aboard’ with our Team),

Here’s what I’ve got to-date. I had started this and was almost done when Lisa’s note below came in.

I chatted with her this AM, noting that what I have now is Samish-centric since we started with the local, ‘What’s Upstream?’ web-piece and all related

No worries. Lisa explained this (preparing briefing materials) will be iterative = what you see can easily be ‘up-scaled’ to have both Sound-wide AND as needed, Samish Bay only, pieces and parts.

I’m out tomorrow, but in 28th-31st to continue, so we should be in good shape for final product(s) by Jan 6.

Feliz Navidad!

Bill Zachmann

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Thanks so much, Garth!

Bill – in answer to your earlier question about process, if Peter agrees, I can take a shot at assembling your, my, and Garth's bullets into the fact sheet format Cindy Schuster provided and get a draft out to everyone prior to the January 6 Region 10 and OCIR deadline. The fact sheets are due in the Administrator's briefing book on January 12.

Peter – are you okay with that?

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Ex. 5 - Attorney Client

From: Murchie, Peter

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So as discussed see the request for briefing papers below with a sample fact sheet included.

Garth will work on the talking points/background from the legal perspective on whatsapp and that can be added to what Lisa has already done (by Wed)

Bill is going to work on the Shellfish bed closure issue.

Lisa will work with Gina to provide a couple of points on the Riparian RFP.

Thank you all,

Peter

From: Schuster, Cindy

Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2015 10:08 AM

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Subject: House Ag Hearing - Request for Briefing Papers

This is a request for the preparation of 3 briefing papers by January 6. The Administrator is scheduled to appear before the House Agriculture committee on Tues, Jan 26, to discuss EPA programs and regulations impacting agriculture. The national program offices are preparing most papers (listed below), and the regions are adding papers about regional issues that their members might bring up. For R10, we have 2 representatives and think that 3 topics might be raised:

Rep. DelBene—Puget Sound shellfish bed closures

Rep. Newhouse—WA WQS; Yakima groundwater and court cases

Attached is a sample fact sheet in the requested format: talking points, background, and expected Q and A. The connection with the member should be included, and I can help with that.

Kendra is checking for existing papers on WA WQS and shellfish and will send what she finds. The papers are due in the Administrator's briefing book on January 12; the January 6 date allows final review time here and at OCIR.

Thanks in advance for your help!

--Cindy, x. 1815

Topic List

OAR

- RFS
- Ozone
- Biomass
- Methane
- Existing source carbon standards (including reliability)
- New source carbon standards (including EPACT '05)
- Heavy duty vehicles
- Tier 3
- Wood heaters
- Climate science
- CARBIO
- Taconite
- Regional Haze

OW

- CWR/WOTUS
- Bristol Bay (including Phil North and use of 404 (c))

- ELG Rule
- Cargill
- Chesapeake Bay TMDL
- HABs
- Great Lakes/CSO
- Great Lakes/Wild Rice

OCSPP

- Pollinators and Monarchs
- Neonics
- Atrazine
- Glyphosate
- Enlist
- Biotechnology
- Sulfuryl Fluoride
- Methyl Bromide (w/OAR)
- TSCA and pesticides

OSWER

- CCR
- SPCC
- Gold King Mine
- Hudson River Valley

ORD

- "Secret science"
- Connectivity report
- SAB Ag committee
- IRIS
- Hydraulic fracturing (w/OW)
- Tire crumb

OGC

- Sue and settle (GAO report)
- Records management/emails

OARM

International grants

Hiring

OECA

Aerial overflights

Chicken, Alaska

CAFO Information Disclosure and enforcement

Other individual enforcement cases

OP

- Social cost of carbon

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